

Cranston School Buildings Committee  
Superintendent's Conference Room  
May 6, 2015

**Members Present:**

Brad Draycott, Judy Lundsten, Nick Capezza, Michael Traficante, Mario Aceto

**Others Present:**

Brad Ripley, Ed Collins, Ed Wojcik

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Draycott asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2015. Mr. Traficante called for a motion to approve, Mr. Aceto seconded, all were in favor. Minutes approved.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Old Business:**

**Renovation Bonds**

Dr. Lundsten stated that progress reports would be handed out to the committee on each project and also mentioned that on May 14, 2015 at 5:30 the bond will go in front of the R. I. Health and Education group for approval to be eligible for the housing aid. They need to see where the money is going to go for the next two years. Once approved it will allow Mr. Strom to market the bond. Mr. Aceto inquired if the 4.7 million that was going out for bonding was part of the 15 million. Mr. Traficante stated that the Career and Technical Center was not part of this bond. Mr. Collins stated that they are going to bond for the 4.7 million. Mr. Collins stated that at the end of this five year project we would have to go and start the process all over again. Dr. Lundsten stated that the legislation may lift the school construction bond. Mr. Aceto asked that if you count the projects in the five year plan there is nine projects total and on the hand out list there is 12: the five year plan does not match 100%. Mr. Traficante stated that School Improvement Money is not part of this. Mr. Collins stated that the first three projects in 2014-2015 were projects that were already approved and money put aside but the projects were never done. These projects were never approved by RIDE and we would not get any money back if we spent this money that is why they are in a moratorium. Mr. Collins, to sum up, stated that the first year is not part of the five year plan that was submitted to the city for approval, everything from 2015 to 2020 is the five year plan.

**Renovation of Science Rooms**

Mr. Wojcik stated that bids just went out and are due back May 19, 2015. There was a walk-through today. He stated that plans were sent to Joe DaSilva and had two meetings with him. Did not have a final construction documents meeting, but he did send out an email about not having the right motors and HVAC units in the bid. Sent him documents that showed it was both in the specs and the plans the motors he wanted and sound continuation. He was satisfied. Mr. Wojcik stated that there was an alternate in the bid for the cabinetry (case work) as requested by Mr. DaSilva for forest stewardship council certified wood.

**Window Replacement – Park View**

Mr. Draycott stated that Tower Construction was on board and Danielson Glass had submitted a schedule. Mr. Wojcik stated that he had a schedule which puts the complete project out into the end of September. Mr. Wojcik spoke with Tower and they indicated that the large classroom windows can guarantee by the start of school twenty windows. Mr. Wojcik showed the committee a color coded window drawing and explained, by color, the order in which windows would be completed. He stated that on Monday he met with the principal, and Ray Votto to talk about contingency plans to finish windows. Shop drawings were sent back to Tower and believes windows are being

fabricated. There was general discussion in regards to weather and a set schedule. Mr. Collins stated that in late August, pending on weather conditions, they would look into a contingency plan if needed.

#### **Sprinkler Design –CHSW E-Building/Arlington**

Mr. Ripley stated that this could now be closed out. Mr. Capezza stated that he received their final payment and processed it. There was a about \$50,000 left in the owner's contingency plan. Mr. Capezza made a motion to close this project out, Dr. Lundsten seconded, all were in favor.

#### **CW Career Center – Interior ADA Improvements Project**

Mr. Collins stated that bids were opened and awarded to Bentley. Project will start as soon as school lets out. Mr. Collins stated that there were two alternatives in the bid to fully sprinkle the building and to do all the abatement for asbestos in there and the whole scope of the project will be completed.

#### **Edgewood Highlands/Oaklawn – Sprinkler RFP**

Mr. Collins stated that he and Brad Ripley, as well as the sprinkler contractor, will be meeting with the principals of both schools to discuss starting on May 11, 2015 with night shifts to start the project.

#### **Five Year Plan – Approximately \$2million per year --Cranston High School West "B" Wing**

Mr. Collins stated that at some point it will have final approval and will be able to go out to bid. Holding off until we get the official word to proceed.

#### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

In an added note, Dr. Lundsten told the committee that Dr. Lucy, Superintendent in Providence, reached out to her and asked if she would be willing to talk to the legislature regarding lifting the moratorium on school building construction. Had house leader Mr. Mattiello who went to Gladstone and Gilbert Stuart schools. He noticed that our current buildings do not lend themselves to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Dr. Lundsten stated that she has agreed to go and testify.

There was no further business. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Briggs Conference Room.

Mr. Draycott asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Lundsten made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Aceto seconded, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margie Chapman*

Recording Secretary